Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital
Orthopaedics & Traumatology

Notice for Preventing Surgical Site Infection

For orthopedic surgical wounds that require suture removal, it is generally done two weeks after the suturing. If patient is discharged earlier, healthcare providers will examine the wound during follow-up.

1 Daily Care Precautions

1.1 Do not remove the wound dressing by yourself

1.2 Keep the dressing clean, dry and fully covering the wound until the wound is completely healed

1.3 Check the dressing daily to ensure it completely covers the wound

1.4 If a diaper covers the wound area, maintain cleanliness to avoid contamination from excrement

1.5 The dressing of the surgical wound does not need to be changed daily. If necessary, bring the prescription paper to the nearest Family Medicine Clinic for wound cleaning and dressing change

2 Situations requiring dressing change

2.1 If there is wound exudate with odor or loosening of the dressing

2.2 If the dressing is contaminated or wet

3 If the followings occur, please seek medical attention promptly

3.1 Fever with body temperature over 37.5℃/ 99.5℉

3.2 Increase in redness, swelling, local temperature and pain in wound or surrounding area

3.3 Wound with foul-smell or pus discharge

3.4 Skin itching with rashes or blisters

For enquiries, please contact nurses in Orthopaedics and Traumatology Day Ward at 25957015 during office hour (7:00 am - 5:00 pm) from Monday to Friday or seek help from community nurses during home visits.